

Claim 1 was amended to claim a selective call receiver that comprises a receiver for receiving a message; a display for displaying the received message; and means, coupled to the display, for activating the display to display a keypad arrangement thereon. The displayed keypad arrangement includes means for modifying which enables a user to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement to modify the displayed message.

Regarding claims 1, 2, 5, 9 and 13, it was stated, in the Office Action, that DeLuca disclosed "a selective call receiver (10) comprising a receiver (12) for receiving a message, a display (27) for displaying a message, and buttons (22-26) for interacting with the message in order to modify it," but "[a] key pad display is not disclosed by DeLuca as means to modify, edit or generate text on the display (27)."

To overcome the shortcomings of DeLuca, Learn was combined therewith to teach "a hand held data entry unit that has a display for a message (19), a key pad arrangement panel (10), a buttons (12a-12f) for interacting with the panel to modify the message." With this combination, it was stated that "[i]t would have been obvious at the time of the invention to a person of ordinary skill in the art to modify DeLuca's pager with a keypad arrangement similar to Learn's display panel (10) for interacting with the keypad arrangement to modify the message because Learn teaches that this technique was known in the act of message displays, text editing, in general, and would have been a routine matter to utilize in any art device incorporating a message display device."

DeLuca teaches a selective call receiver capable of storing predetermined message characters and a processing circuitry for determining an amount of available space in the memory. When the space is determined to be insufficient for storing a message, one or more of the message characters are deleted prior to storing the message. (See Abstract.)

Learn, on the other hand, describes a data entry unit that has a board on which a matrix of cells are arranged. When turned on, each column is sequentially illuminated in a continuous cyclic fashion. The illumination of a column indicates that the data associated with the column is enabled. A handle attached to the board has four switches on it that can be readily manipulated. (See Abstract.) Additionally, Learn teaches that "[t]his matrix provides the input letters, numbers, and punctuation marks desired but is not deemed a keyboard herein because the user does not manipulate or manually actuate the cells." (Column 2, lines 13-16.)

It is respectfully submitted that, singly or in combination, DeLuca, Learn, and Kamo do not teach or suggest a selective call receiver having a display for

displaying the received message, and means coupled to the display for activating the display to display a key pad arrangement thereon. The displayed keypad arrangement includes means for modifying which enables a user to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement to modify the displayed message. DeLuca, Learn, and Kamo singly or in combination do not teach or suggest means for activating the display for displaying a key pad arrangement thereon, the displayed key pad arrangement includes means for modifying which enables a user to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement to modify the displayed message. While the combination teaches a display, the combination does not teach or suggest means for activating the display for displaying the keypad arrangement thereon. Furthermore, the combination teaches explicitly that its displayed matrix is not a keypad, (See Learn, column 2, lines 13-16.) consequently the combination expressly teaches away from Applicants' invention which claims a display which is activated to display a key pad arrangement thereon, the displayed keypad arrangement includes means for modifying which enables a user to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement to modify the displayed message.

Furthermore, independent claims 5, 9 and 13 were amended to claims a liquid crystal display (LCD), and means for activating the LCD for displaying the keypad arrangement on the LCD wherein a user is able to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement for modifying the displayed message. Also, claim 6, as amended, claims that the keypad arrangement provides for editing the displayed messages. Similarly, the combination does not teach or suggest displaying a keypad on an LCD which enables the user to modify the displayed message by interacting with the displayed keypad arrangement.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the combination cannot obviate the claimed invention which claims a display which is activated to display a key pad arrangement thereon, the displayed keypad arrangement includes means for modifying which enables a user to interact with the displayed keypad arrangement to modify the displayed message because the combination explicitly teaches away from modifying the display messages with a keypad arrangement that activated to be displayed on a display.

In view of the remarks and the teachings of the DeLuca and Learn, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn because singly or in combination DeLuca, Learn, and Kamo, and common practice in the prior art do not teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claims 1-11, and 13-16.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103 have been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

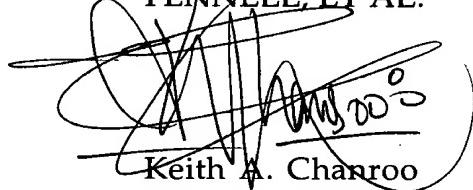
The Examiner has made the rejection of the claims Final. Applicant believes that the foregoing Amendment is permissible after final rejection pursuant to 27 C.F.R. § 1.116 (a) and respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the foregoing Amendment.

The remaining cited references have been reviewed and are not believed to affect the patentability of the claims as amended.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to deposit account # 13-4778.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. With this amendment, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable response at an early date is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments and suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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